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SOURCE:

1. Strong Soviet forces returned to Cottbus on 17 and 18 June. The Sachsendorf Kaserne was occupied by 2,000, the Leons Kaserne by 1800, the Diessenchen Kaserne by 1500 and the Alvensleben Kaserne by 200 soldiers.
2. Military trains observed were as follows:

No. of  
Trains

6

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1

5

6

3

From

Brand

To

Frankfurt/Oder

Date

24-26 June

Brand

Kuestrin

28 June

Werneuchen

Cuben

25-30 June

Welsow

Frankfurt/Oder

24-29 June

Jueterbog

Kuestrin

29 June -  
1 July**SECRET**

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No. of  
Trains

1

FromToDate

Cottbus

Frankfurt/Oder

30 June

2

Finsterwalde

Frankfurt/Oder

Night 24-25  
June

3. Trains observed at the Kuestrin/Kietz railroad station proceeding toward the East included;

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Load</u>
18 June	34 boxcars with soldiers	Probably Air Force soldiers.
25 June	44 box-and flatcars	Troops.
26 June	54 box-and flatcars	Assorted motor vehicles, 10 gasoline tanks, one aircraft crate, soldiers.
27 June	98 box-and flatcars	Motor vehicles and Air Force soldiers
29 June	49 box-and flatcars	Motor vehicles, Air Force soldiers, one jet aircraft, one liaison plane.
30 June	47 box-and flatcars	Motor vehicles and Air Force soldiers.
1 July	88 box-and flatcars	Motor vehicles and Air Force soldiers.
2 July	16 box-and flatcars	Motor vehicles and Air Force soldiers.

4. No aircraft were observed on Finsterwalde airfield on 12 July
5. No IL-28's were stationed on Werneuchen airfield on 10 July; several MIG-15's, however, were observed there.
6. It was determined from official records on 11 July that the railroad bridge across the Oder at Frankfurt was impassable for several days as a result of blasting. Traffic was rerouted via Kuestrin and, for sea transport, via Stettin. Other bridges were allegedly also blasted on the Frankfurt/Oder-Brest Line.
7. Traffic via the border crossing points of Guben and Horka was normal up to 5 and 9 July respectively. The Polish militia details stationed at Kohlfurt and Wehrkirch were reinforced on 3 July.

Comments:

The present information indicates that about one half of the division has returned to Cottbus. At the same time the Luebben part of the division was unoccupied as were the Forst Tauer troop training grounds. The observations made in Cottbus seem to be at variance with the assumption expressed that beginning on about 18 June the division may have been deployed to the Goerlitz and/or Silesia areas. Since the present location of one half of the division is still unclarified, the earlier version may, with some qualification, still be valid, especially as no information has as yet been received on the purpose of the empty trains which were made available for Goerlitz on and after 5 July.

Comment: Paragraphs 2 and 3: The trains transferred the bomber corps and its six regiments and one reconnaissance regiment which were previously stationed in East Germany. This information thus confirms the observations

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that Werneuchen, Brand, Wölzow, Finsterwalde, Justerbog airfields were vacated by IL-28's. It is safe to assume that these units were transferred to the USSR.

25X1A  Comment: This is the first information indicating that Werneuchen airfield has been reoccupied. It is possible that the presence of MIG-15's at Werneuchen is connected with the departure of MIG-15's from Cottbus.

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